Reservation of Seats for MBBS in Medical Colleges

*149. DR. SHRIKANT RAMHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of seats for the First Year MBBS course in various Government, Semi-Government and private medical colleges in the country;

(b) how many of them are reserved for the backward classes;

(c) whether the seats in the various medical colleges are sufficient for the needs of the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of these seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) As per information furnished by the Medical, Council of India, there are 14210 seats for 1st Year MBBS Course in various medical colleges in the country.

(b) In Central Government institution 22.5 per cent seats are reserved for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. However, different State Governments are adopting different criteria for providing reservation to various backward classes.

(c) Taking into account the number of physicians in all system of medicine, the doctor-population ratio can be considered to be satisfactory. However, the distribution of medical manpower is not uniform in urban and rural areas.

(d) Applications for opening of new medical colleges and increase in the number of seats in existing colleges are considered under the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and regulations made thereunder.

Bomb blasts in educational institution of Jammu and Kashmir

*150. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb blasts by militants which took place in educational institutions of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Rajouri and Poonch areas during 1994 and 1995;

(b) the number of people who died in the vicinity of those institutions and those who suffered serious injuries;

(c) whether Government have provided any financial help to the dependents of those killed and injured;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) According to information made available by the State Government there were 10 incidents of explosions in educational institutions including hurling of hand-grenades on Security Force personnel deputed for examination duties, during the relevant period. Of these 2 incidents were in Poonch district. During these incidents 20 civilians and one Security Force personnel were injured. No one was killed.

(c) to (e) The State Government have reported that Rs. 500 to Rs. 5000/- is being paid to those injured due to militant violence keeping in view the gravity of the injury.